

"In Adam's Fall we **sinned** all."

The New England Primer (1690)



"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned..." (Rom. 5:12)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
May 5th, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

The Fifth Day of May, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exciting and illuminating studies in Church History—a too often neglected topic!

Morning Worship—9:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *“At the Cross”* (#153; Chorus ONLY).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“Come, Thou Almighty King”* (#54).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:16-23.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *“Standing on the Promises”* (#109).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”* (#59).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“IN ADAM'S FALL, WE SINNED ALL”* (Six Days, Pt. 4)

Closing Hymn:* *“It Took a Miracle”* (#241).

Benediction.*

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



Week of April 21 – April 27

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—14

Midweek—5; Offering—\$428.⁰⁰

AFRICA UPDATE: April 24, 2024 (Pastor Keith Merriman)

Dear beloved brethren,

Here is a message from pastor Meschack in Nairobi:

If we can get some funds, we renovate the place where church is, by building a stone wall around it to block water from accessing the place, this will be permanent solution.

Members who are affected by this flood need some financial support on food stuffs and some beddings. Currently they are lodged at a neighbor's house as they look for a way forward.

God bless, Keith

AFRICA UPDATE: April 24, 2024 (Pastor Keith Merriman)

Dear beloved,

I just spoke with Pastor Meschack. He said that the dam in Nairobi broke because of the heavy rains. He said this had never happened before in his lifetime. Eight families from the Mathare GBC have lost everything and have been displaced. They are staying with other families. After speaking with Meschack, we are sending today \$2000 to help buy mattresses, blankets and food for the church families. If you would like more information the flooding and stories are on UTube. If you would like to help with this need please when you send funds mark them "flood relief Nairobi." Thanks again and God bless, Keith

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AFRICA UPDATE: May 1, 2024 (Pastor Keith Merriman)



Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ! Attached is a photo as a thank you from the Mbochenghas GBC in Northwest Cameroon. The ladies were able to purchase rice and palm oil and other much needed foodstuffs for the church members. Thanks again for your gifts, God bless, Keith

PS We are about halfway to our goal of \$75,000 to provide a retirement home for pastor Salomon and Mary. We currently have over \$37,000. We were hoping to raise all the funds by the end of May when their rent is due. We have to pay one year in advance where they are currently living. There is no refund if they move.

BIBLICAL REASONS

FOR AFFIRMING CREATION IN SIX LITERAL DAYS

Pastor Terry L. Reese; 4/28/24

- I. While the Hebrew word **yom** (“day”) *can* indeed refer to an extended period of time (cf., Gen. 2:4), it is NEVER used in this manner when qualified by the phrase “**evening and morning**” (Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31) and associated with a **specific numeric value** (e.g., *first, second, third, fourth days*, etc.).
- II. **GENRE**. Genesis chs. 1-11 (often cast by modern men as *fable* or *poetry*) are written in the form of **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**. The author Moses is engaged in *didactic teaching*, recounting God’s creative & redemptive acts in **real space-time & history**. The *literary genre* here is *history*—not poetry or parable!
- III. **The Ordering of Events**. Genesis 1 *cannot* be reconciled with modern “scientific” theories by interpreting the “days” as vast geologic ages. In contrast to modern theories, the Earth (and plant life) precedes the creation of the Sun, even as birds and whales precede the origin of land animals, etc.
- IV. **7-Day Week**. Unlike Days & Years, there is *no astronomical basis* for having a 7-Day Week! *WHERE*, then, does it *come from*? The true *basis* for our Week is God’s creative activity as recorded in Gen. 1:1-2:3! In the **4th Commandment**, which calls for the observance of the Sabbath (Ex. 20:8-11), Moses records that Creation Week forms a **literal pattern** for man to follow (6 Days of work+1 Day of rest).
- V. **ACCORDING TO JESUS** and the Apostles, **WHEN** did the events of early human history occur? The martyrdom of Abel (Luke 11:50)? The marriage of Adam & Eve (Mark 10:6)? The temptation of Adam (John 8:44) and human sin (Heb. 9:25-26)?
Answer: In the beginning, from the foundation of the world!
- VI. **GENEOLOGY**. The genealogies of Gen. 5 & 11 create a time-frame that serves as the “spine” or framework for a meaningful historical chronology that cannot be unreasonably “stretched.”
- VII. **THEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS** regarding Adam’s role and relationship unto Creation. Should we accept billions of years of earth-history without the presence of Adam—who was created as God’s Vice-Regent over Creation (Gen. 1:26-30, Ps. 8)? Or millions of years of pain, death, and decay in God’s “very good” world (Gen. 1:31) prior to Adam’s Fall? When did the Curse of Death fall upon Creation (Gen.3:17-19, Rom.5:12-21, 1Cor.15:21-22)?